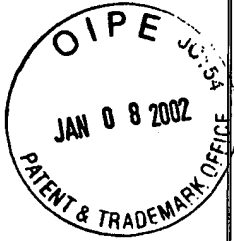


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1. A declaration signed by the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; and
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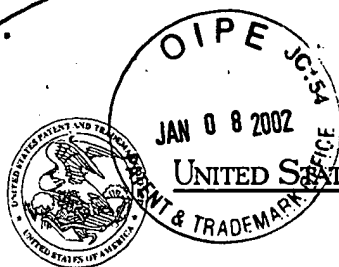
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